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To Whom it May Concern:

I write to express my concern about the proposed Microsoft anti-trust settlement. As is currently stands, it is far too lenient. It does not punish Microsoft for past bad behavior, not prevent such future behavior. I am especially concerned that the three-man committee in charge of overseeing the settlement will not have adequate resources to oversee it. Microsoft should be made to finance the the operations of the committee from a substantial fine in the billions of dollars. One man who would make a fine member of this committee is Steven Satchell.

The anti-trust settlement also does not address the concerns of non-profit software makers that offer some of the biggest competition to Microsoft products. In fact, it disenfranchised them. These organizations should be explicitly given the same protections as Microsoft's commercial competitors.

Microsoft should not be left free to crush the true sources of innovation in the computer industry, its commercial and non-commercial competitors, nor should it escape punishment for the damage it has done.